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Sir:

Applicants in the accompanying reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,070,728, through their undersigned attorney, hereby offer to surrender the Original Letters Patent upon indication of allowability of the reissue application.

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STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES UNDER 37 CFR 1.173(c)

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Sir:

In the reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,070,728, submitted herewith, claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-10 are pending unamended claims of the original patent, claim 11 is a pending amended claim of the original patent, and claims 12-19 are pending newly added claims, with claims 12-15 being dependent claims dependent directly or indirectly from claim 11 and claim 16 is a newly added independent claim with claims 17-19 being dependent claims dependent upon claim 16.

With regard to an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims, <u>original independent patent claim 11</u> has been amended to recite the feature of "wherein said housing forms a unitary structure with said connector", which feature is described in col. 2, lines 41-43 of the patent, in that "The ceramic circuit board 8, lead frame 10 and <u>connector 11</u> are <u>formed to be</u> <u>unitary with a housing 12</u>." (emphasis added), such feature is also set forth in original dependent claim 5 of the patent. Newly added dependent <u>claim 12</u> which depends from claim 11 recites the feature "wherein said housing further forms a unitary

structure with at least one of said lead frame and said circuit board" which is described at col. 2, lines 41-43 and original dependent claim 5 of the patent. Claim 13 depends from claim 11 and recites the feature "wherein said housing is sealed with respect to said throttle body by a sealing member" which feature is described at col. 3, lines 26-28 of the patent, in that "The housing 12 and the throttle body 1 are tightly sealed by an O-ring 18" which is also illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings of the patent, for example. Dependent claim 14 which depends from claim 13 recites the feature "wherein said sealing member is an O-ring seal" which is described at col. 3, lines 26-28 of the patent. Dependent claim 15 which depends from claim 13 recites the feature "wherein said lead frame enables electrical connection between at least one of said plurality of resistors of said circuit board and said connector, and said lead frame extends beyond said sealing member". As described in col. 2, lines 18 and 19 of the patent, resistors 9 are arranged on a ceramic circuit board 8, and in col. 2, lines 37-41, "Further, the resistors 9 are connected to a connector 11 through a lead frame 10. Thus, the electrical signal V₀, power source V_{cc} and earth GND are relayed to or from the exterior of the throttle sensor through the connector 11." Additionally, original patent claim 11 recites "a housing holding said circuit board and having a lead frame and a connector for transmitting an electrical signal of said resistors". As clearly illustrated in Fig. 1, the lead frame 10 extends beyond the sealing member 18, such that Fig. 1 is considered to provide support for the recitation of "said lead frame extends beyond said sealing member" of claim 15.

With respect to <u>new independent claim 16</u>, such claim other than the last paragraph which is a "wherein" clause, reciting "wherein said housing is sealed with respect to said throttle body by a sealing member' is identical to original patent claim 11 and is supported by original patent claim 11 and the corresponding description in the specification and illustration in the drawings. As to the additional wherein clause of "wherein said housing is sealed with respect to said throttle body by a sealing

member", such feature is described in col. 3, lines 26-28, and corresponds to the features of new dependent claim 13, as pointed out above. Dependent claim 17 depends from claim 16 and recites the feature "wherein said sealing member is an O-ring seal", thereby corresponding to newly added dependent claim 14, which feature is described at col. 3, lines 26-28 of the original patent, as pointed out above. Dependent claim 18 which depends from claim 16 recites the feature of "wherein said housing forms a unitary structure with said connector" and corresponds to the newly added wherein clause of original patent claim 11 having support at col. 2, lines 41-43 of the patent, as described above. Further, dependent claim 19 is a dependent claim dependent upon claim 16 and reciting the feature of "wherein said lead frame enables electrical connection between at least one of said plurality of resistors of said circuit board and said connector, and said lead frame extends beyond said sealing member" and corresponds to the features recited in newly added dependent claim 15, which is supported by Fig. 1 of the drawings and col. 2 and original patent claim 11 as described above, with respect to newly added dependent claim 15.

Applicants submit that the amendment of original claim 11 and the addition of newly added claims 12-19 recite features having full support in the original patent, as pointed out above.

Accordingly, favorable action in this reissue application is respectfully requested.

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